

Practitioner's Docket No.: **1027.02**

**PATENTS**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of: **Robert L. Wheeler et al.** )  
Serial No.: **10/707,590** ) Art Unit: **Unassigned**  
Filed: **12/23/2003** ) Examiner: **Unassigned**  
For: **Self-Generating Air Cushion Vessel** ) Confirmation No. **1589**  
)

Mail Stop Petition  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

**TRANSMITTAL OF PETITION TO MAKE SPECIAL**

1. Transmitted herewith is a Petition to Make Special for this application.
2. In accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.102(c), no fee is included with this petition.

Very respectfully,

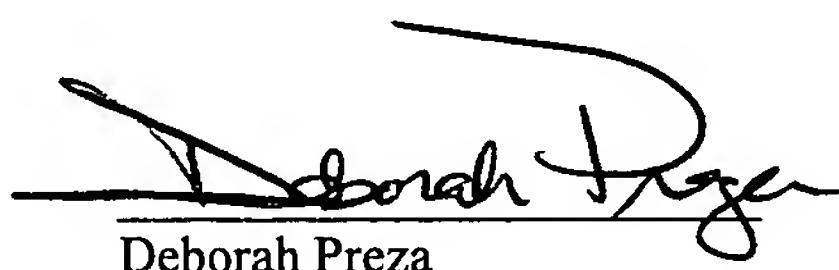
  
**Signature of Practitioner**

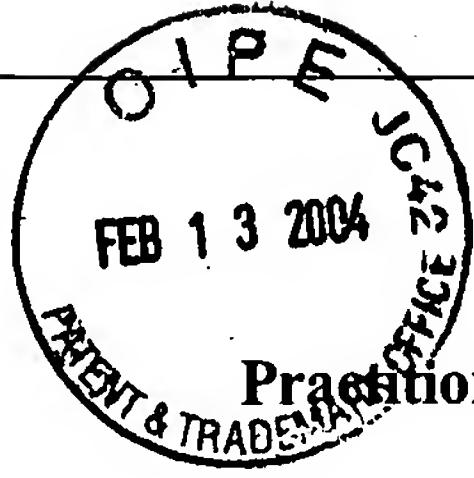
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**CERTIFICATE OF MAILING**  
(37 C.F.R. § 1.8)

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**Deborah Preza**



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**PETITION TO MAKE SPECIAL BECAUSE OF APPLICANT'S AGE**  
**(37 C.F.R. 1.102(c) AND M.P.E.P. § 708.02 IV)**

Applicants hereby petition to make this application special because applicants are over 65 years of age.

As a showing of this fact, accompanying this petition is a declaration by each applicant that he is over 65 years of age.

No fee is required with this petition, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.102(c).

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ronald E. Smith".

**SIGNATURE OF PRACTITIONER**

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